

**NorthMet Project  
Tribal Sieve List Meeting  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, September 18, 2012  
Fond du Lac Natural Resource Management Division Building  
DRAFT September 14, 2012**

**Attending Parties:**

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa  
1854 Treaty Authority  
Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District  
U.S. Forest Service, Superior National Forest  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Environmental Resources Management (ERM)

**Meeting Facilitators:**

Nancy Schuldt, Fond du Lac  
Lisa Radosevich-Craig, Superior National Forest

9:00    **Welcome and Introductions:** Nancy Schuldt, Lisa Radosevich-Craig

**Purpose of Meeting:** Nancy Schuldt, Lisa Radosevich-Craig

The purpose of this meeting is to further discussions with the Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, and Bois Forte Bands concerning the NorthMet Project. It was agreed to create a Sieve List, which would be used to track unresolved Tribal issues and comments. Since the June 23, 2011 Tribal Sieve List meeting, the Sieve List has been populated with various topics and specific items. We plan to provide a summary and discussion of the status and progress for the development of these items as they pertain to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) process. At the conclusion of this meeting, we hope to have a better understanding of the Tribal perspective on the various issues and a mutually acceptable direction forward.

9:10    **Proposed Changes to the Meeting Agenda:** Nancy Schuldt

9:15    **Project Update:** Tom Hingsberger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- SDEIS Status
- EIS Development Schedule
- Status of CCP
- Discussion of Unresolved Action Items from Previous Meetings: Andrew Bielakowski, ERM

9:45 **Sieve List Item Updates:** See Sieve List Responsible Party

- General Project Planning
  - Discussion of Wild Rice Issues
  - New Draft MPCA Recommendations
  - Tribal Request for Data Quality Information
- Cultural Resources
  - Discussion about the Acceptance of Oral History as Documentation of Tribal Use
- Underground Mining
- Financial Assurance
- Closure Plan

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Sieve List Item Updates:** See Sieve List Responsible Party

- Socioeconomics
- Cumulative Effects
- Biodiversity
- Climate Change

12:00 **Lunch Break**

12:30 **Sieve List Item Updates:** See Sieve List Responsible Party

- Water Treatment and Discharges
  - Discussion of the Adaptive Water Management Plan
- Seepage Capture System
- Groundwater Downgradient in Wetlands
  - Discussion about the Use of Data from the Wells at the Mine Site (i.e. Specific Purpose for the Data, Well Nests, Analysis of Gradient)

1:30 **Break**

1:45 **Sieve List Item Updates:** See Sieve List Responsible Party

- GoldSim Modeling
- Mercury Issues
- Baseline Data

2:45 **Other Issues/Wrap-up:** Nancy Schuldt

- Action/Follow-Up Items
- Updating/Addressing Sieve List
- Next Meeting

3:00 **Adjourn**